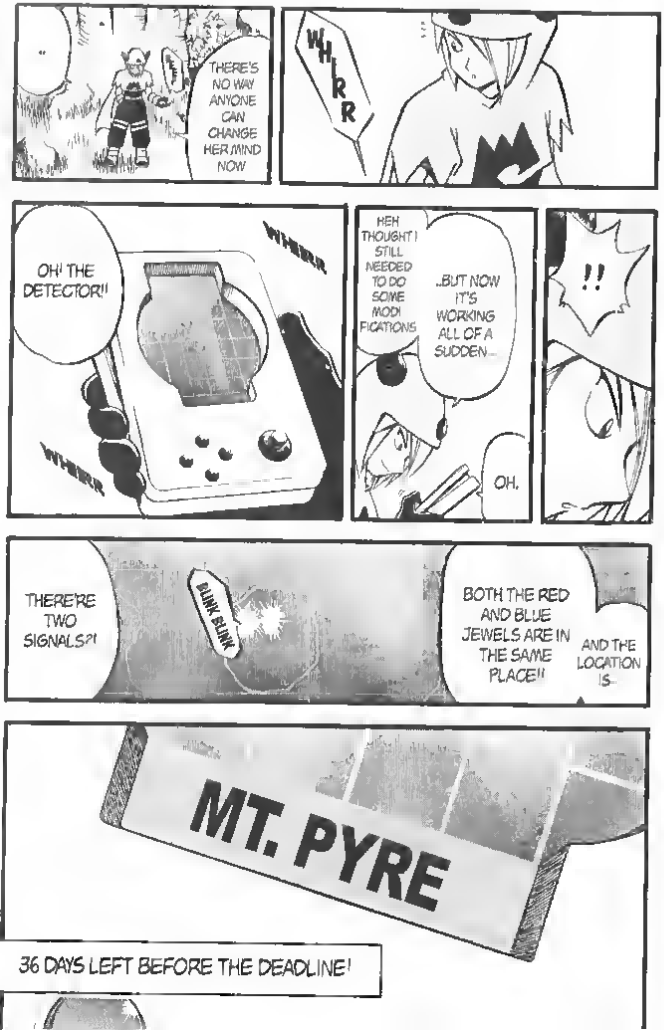
RUSTLE
RING
WHO IS IT?
CLICK
THIS IS MACK.
SO DID YOU FIND THE "RED JEWEL"?
...
MACK ...
..CAN YOU TAKE OVER THE SEARCH FOR THE JEWEL?
I'VE LOST INTEREST ..I MEAN..
RIGHT NOW
..I'M MORE INTERESTED IN ANOTHER TASK AT HAND.
ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED MODIFYING THE DETECTOR, I'M SURE YOU WON'T NEED MY HELP IN THE SEARCH
HEH QUICK TO CHANGE YOUR MIND AS USUAL MARGE.
IS THIS RELATED TO THAT BOY NAMED RUBY?
HAHAHA! HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
FLAP
FLAP
I'VE KNOWN YOU LONG ENOUGH.
PLEASE HELP ME INFORM THE LEADER THAT I'LL BE AWAY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.
BEEP
I WON'T ADMIT DEFEAT...
...SO EASILY!


THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE CAN CHANGE HER MIND NOW
WHRR
OH! THE DETECTOR!!
WHIRR
WHIRR
HEH THOUGHT I STILL NEEDED TO DO SOME MODIFICATIONS
..BUT NOW IT'S WORKING ALL OF A SUDDEN...
OH.
!!
THERE'RE TWO SIGNALS?!
BLINK BLINK
BOTH THE RED AND BLUE JEWELS ARE IN THE SAME PLACE!!
AND THE LOCATION IS...
MT. PYRE
36 DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE DEADLINE!

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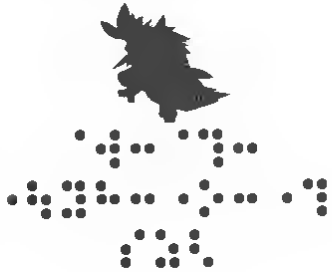
VS SHIFTRY



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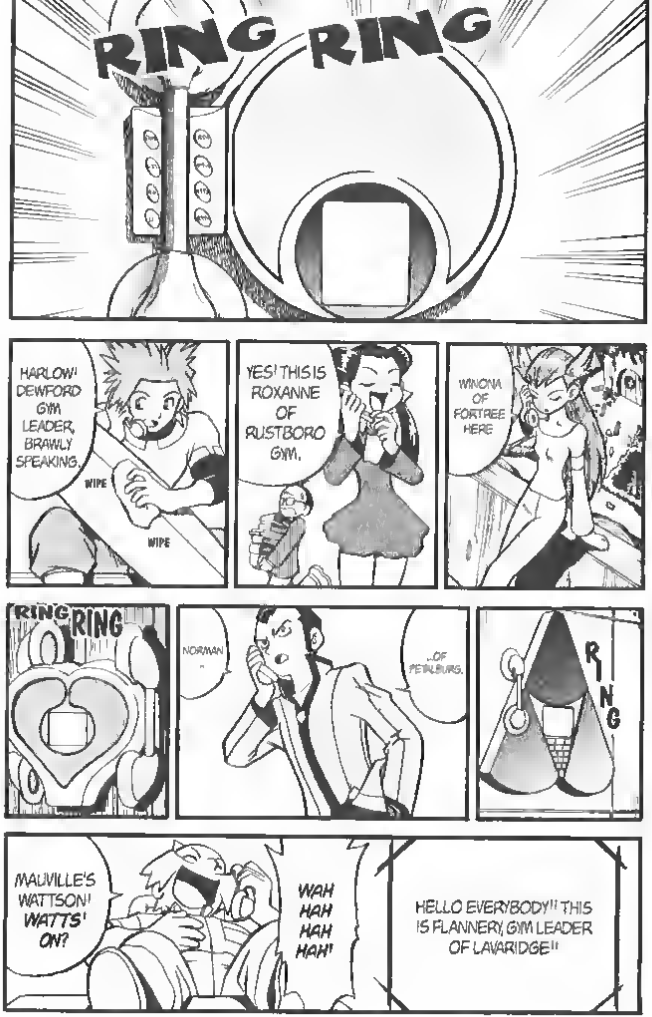
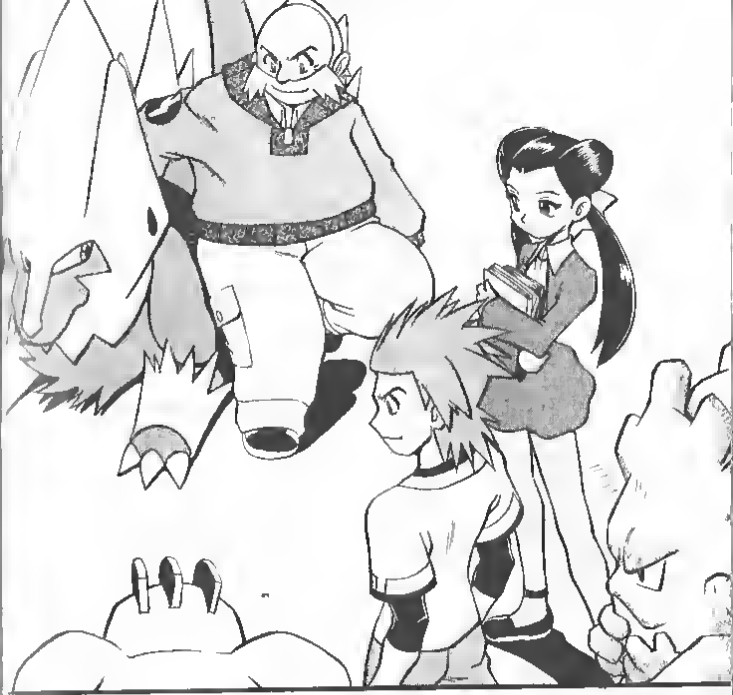

RING RING
HARLOW! DEWFORD GYM LEADER, BRAWLY SPEAKING.
WIPE
WIPE
YES! THIS IS ROXANNE OF RUSTBORO GYM.
WINONA OF FORTREE HERE
RING RING
NORMAN
..OF PETALBURG.
RING
MAUVILLE'S WATTSON! WATTS' ON?
WAH HAH HAH HAH!
HELLO EVERYBODY!! THIS IS FLANNERY, GYM LEADER OF LAVARIDGE!!

THIS IS A SIMULTANEOUS CALL TO ALL GYM LEADERS ON THE HOTLINE!!
AS A JUNIOR GYM LEADER, I APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING THE LIBERTY OF CONTACTING YOU IN THIS MANNER.
HOW-EVER ...
...THIS MATTER CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION!!
EMERGENCY LEVEL 7!!
IN ACCORDANCE TO ARTICLE III OF POKÉMON ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM
...I REQUEST THAT A MEETING BE HELD AMONGST ALL HOENN GYM LEADERS!!

FORTREE CITY TREE TOWER
RUMBLE
RATTLE
GRAB
HAH
CLIMB
HUH
CLIMB

RUSTLE
HEH!
MPTMP
VROOM VROOM
VROOM VROOM VROOM
THEY'RE COMING..



HI THERE, FOLKS! IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE WE MET! LET'S MEET SOMETIME AGAIN.
PEN PLEASE
WAH WAH WAH

I SEE THAT ATTENDANCE ISN'T SO GOOD!
OUT OF NINE GYM LEADERS, ONLY SIX ARE HERE. THREE ARE ABSENT...

...DESPITE THIS BEING AN EMERGENCY LEVEL 7 CALL...
FLANNERY, DO YOU KNOW WHY THEY'RE ABSENT?
YE-YES.
I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT TATE AND LIZA. AS FOR WALLACE, HE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A JOURNEY TO FALLABOR IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT SOME INVESTIGATIONS.
HE'S TAKING PART IN THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.

CLICK

HI, SORRY FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO JOIN YOU IN PERSON

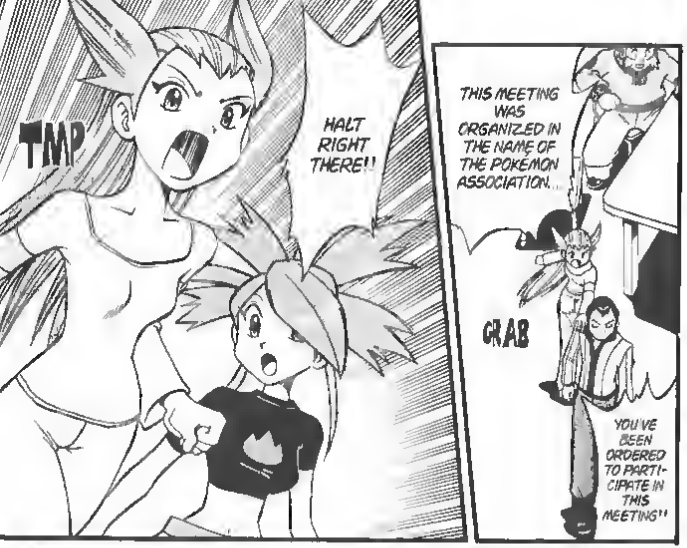
I THINK WE CAN START NOW.
FLANNERY!
YES, MAM!

FIRST OF ALL, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PICTURE!
FWAP
THIS IS MT CHIMNEY, THE VOLCANO THAT DIED YESTERDAY.
I WITNESSED ITS DEATH WITH MY VERY OWN EYES!!
THE VOLCANO'S ACTIVITIES WERE CEASED BY MAN.
THE GROUP, WHICH CAME UP WITH THIS EVIL PLOT, WILL CONTINUE TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE HOENN REGION!
THERE IS A NEED TO RALLY ALL GYM LEADERS TO THE TASK OF DEFEATING THIS EVIL FORCE!!
IS THIS GROUP..
..THE SAME GROUP IN RED CAPES THAT ATTACKED THE SLATEPORT SHIPYARD?
NO.
THE GROUP THAT I FOUGHT WAS IN BLUE.
A MAN WEARING A RED CAPE HELPED ME INSTEAD.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

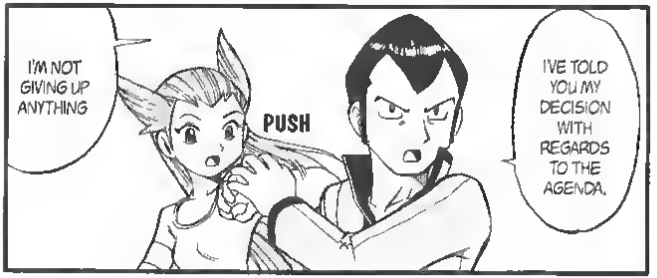
THE BLUE GROUP IS OUT TO "EXPAND THE SEA". THEY CALL THEMSELVES AQUA.
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GROUP IN RED WORKS TO "EXPAND THE LAND". THEY GO BY THE NAME OF MAGMA.
I THINK TEAM AQUA IS OUR ENEMY AND THAT TEAM MAGMA IS ON OUR SIDE.
HEY, HEY! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT THE SITUATION REVERSED?
IT ISN'T THAT BAD A THING TO EXPAND THE SEA. AT LEAST I CAN SURF.
ISN'T IT, WALLACE? A WATER EXPERT LIKE YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME, WOULDN'T YOU?
UHM.. WELL.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! THE LAND IS MORE IMPORTANT!! DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MAUVILLE HAS SUFFERED DUE TO THE LACK OF LAND.
EVERYONE HOLD YOUR FIRE! PLEASE DON'T START A PETTY QUARREL HERE!!
THUMP
PLANNER, CAN I CONFIRM SOMETHING WITH YOU?
DID YOU SEE THE FAMOUS PROFESSOR STARSTONE WITH THE GROUP CALLED TEAM AQUA?
HMM, COME TO THINK OF IT..
YES! HE WAS THERE TOO!

THAT'S IT. THE PROFESSOR AND I HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME STUDYING TOGETHER, AND I'VE HEARD A LOT FROM HIM
HE MENTIONED THAT THE ORGANIZATION THAT'S SUPPORTING HIS RESEARCH IS CALLED "TEAM AQUA".
IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT THE PROFESSOR DEFINITELY WOULDN'T COOPERATE WITH A GROUP THAT HARBORS EVIL INTENTIONS
I'M ON THE BLUE TEAM'S SIDE!
BUT FLANNERY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S LYING..
WHAT ?!
I CHOOSE TO TRUST FLANNERY'S EYES.
UM..
I SMELL TROUBLE ..
SUPPORTERS OF THE RED TEAM THE BLUE TEAM IS EVIL!
NOW WE'RE DIVIDED INTO TWO OPPOSING PARTIES
SUPPORTERS OF THE BLUE TEAM THE RED TEAM IS EVIL!

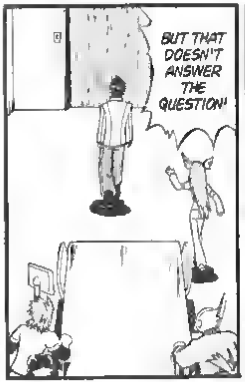
NORMAN, AREN'T YOU GONNA SAY SOMETHING?
SINCE TATE AND LIZA ARE NOT HERE, YOUR VOTE WILL DECIDE EVERYTHING
...
NORMAN! TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!!
PUSH
I...
...AM NOT IN SUPPORT OF EITHER TEAM.
EXCUSE ME..

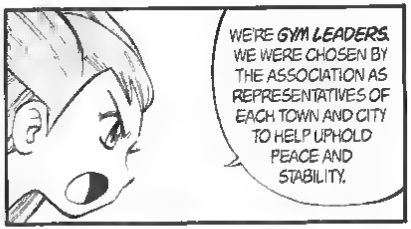

TMP
HALT RIGHT THERE!!
THIS MEETING WAS ORGANIZED IN THE NAME OF THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION...
GRAB
YOU'VE BEEN ORDERED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING!!

DO YOU PLAN TO GIVE UP YOUR SAY IN THE MATTER?!
...


I'M NOT GIVING UP ANYTHING
PUSH
I'VE TOLD YOU MY DECISION WITH REGARDS TO THE AGENDA.

"I AM NOT IN SUPPORT OF EITHER TEAM."
THAT'S MY VOTE.


BUT THAT DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION!


WE'RE GYM LEADERS. WE WERE CHOSEN BY THE ASSOCIATION AS REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH TOWN AND CITY TO HELP UPHOLD PEACE AND STABILITY.

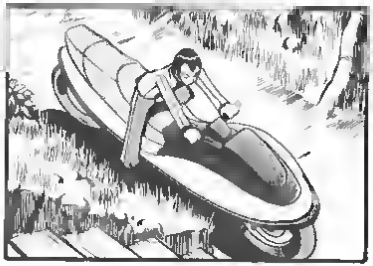
YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION TOO!!

AN ASSOCIATION?
THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION?
OPEN

WHAT KINDA ATTITUDE IS THAT?!
DID HE MEAN TO SAY THAT IT'S POINTLESS TO CONDUCT A DISCUSSION WITH US?!
NOT LONG AGO, HE RECEIVED A WARNING FOR LEAVING HIS GYM WITHOUT INFORMING THE ASSOCIATION!!
LET'S JUST IGNORE THAT ARROGANT MAN!!

HEY, COME ON WITHOUT NORMAN, WE CAN'T HAVE A NORMAL DISCUSSION.
WAH HAH ...
OOPS

HEY, WAIT FOR ME!! NORMAN !!



WHIRL

GARGH!!
WHOOSH

A WILD SHIFTRY !!
GO, SLAKING !!
POOF

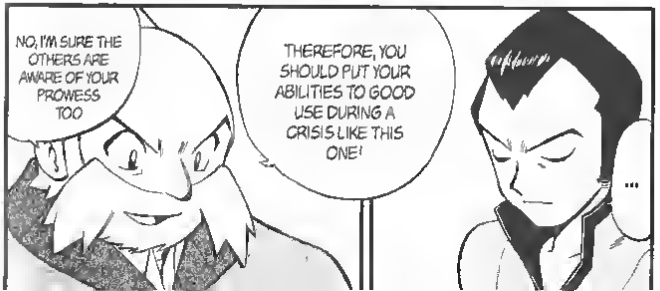
BLAST
BLAST
BAM

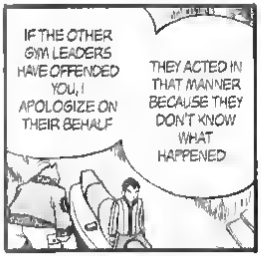
THE SHIFTRY'S MOST VICIOUS ATTACK INVOLVES USING ITS FAN-LIKE HANDS TO PRODUCE STRONG WINDS
BUT MY SLAKING WEIGHS MORE THAN 130KG...
ONLY A TYPHOON CAN LIFT IT OFF THE GROUND!

CLAP CLAP CLAP

IMPRESSIVE
YOU'RE INDEED AN EXPERT IN BATTLE.

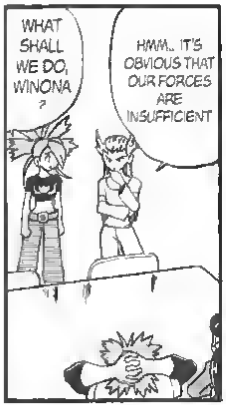
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU'RE THE STRONGEST FIGHTER AMONGST THE LEADERS IN HOENN!
YOU FLATTER ME, WATTSON.


NO, I'M SURE THE OTHERS ARE AWARE OF YOUR PROWESS TOO
THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR ABILITIES TO GOOD USE DURING A CRISIS LIKE THIS ONE!
...


IF THE OTHER GYM LEADERS HAVE OFFENDED YOU, I APOLOGIZE ON THEIR BEHALF
THEY ACTED IN THAT MANNER BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED

...SEVEN YEARS AGO...
...BETWEEN YOU AND THE ASSOCIATION

...


WHAT SHALL WE DO, WINONA?
HMM... IT'S OBVIOUS THAT OUR FORCES ARE INSUFFICIENT

I'VE AN IDEA!
THERE'RE MANY TRAINERS WHO HAVE HIGH LEVELS OF BATTLE SKILLS. CAN'T WE ASK FOR THEIR HELP?

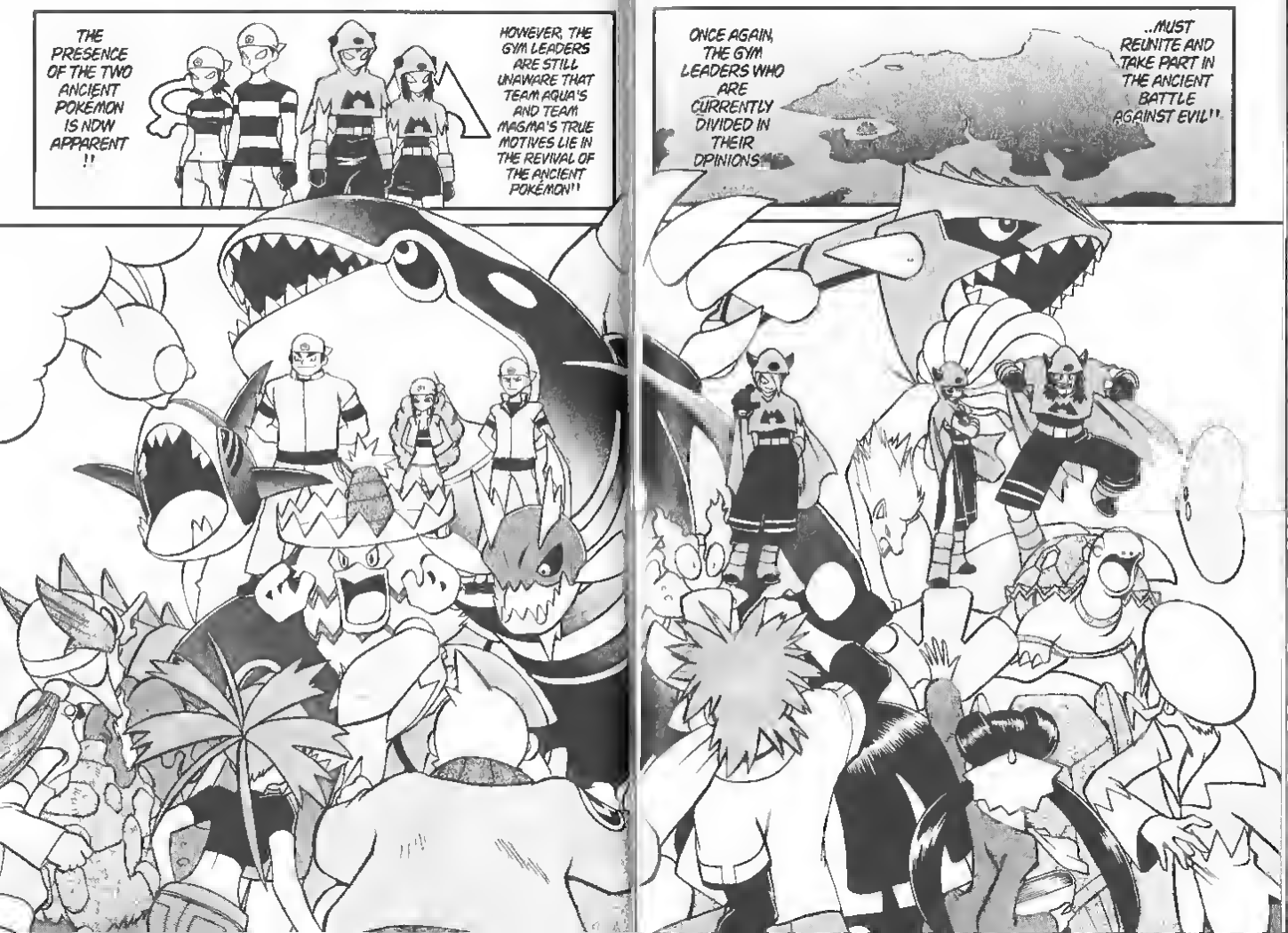
I MET ONE SUCH TRAINER AT MT. CHIMNEY. SHE'D DEFINITELY BE A RELIABLE FIGHTER TO HAVE.
UHM...
ARE YOU JOKING?!

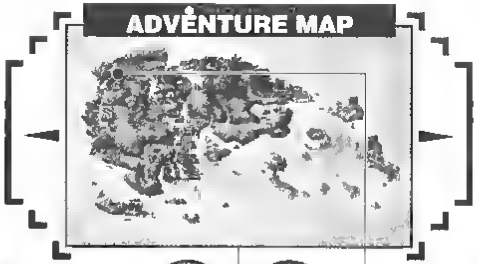
A MERE TRAINER WOULD ONLY BE A NUISANCE TO US AND HINDER OUR PLANS!!
UNDERSTOOD. LET'S END HERE AND WAIT FOR TATE AND LIZA TO CONTACT US.
I NEED TO REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION ABOUT OUR PROGRESS TOO
LILYCOVE CITY ASSOCIATION HEAD-QUARTERS
GOOD DAY, MAY I SPEAK TO THE DIRECTOR PLEASE?
SPEAKING.
TATE AND LIZA WERE ABSENT, SEVEN LEADERS ATTENDED THE MEETING
BUT.. WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO COME TO A CONCLUSION
AND NORMAN, LEADER OF PETALBURG, LEFT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MEETING
I SEE

NORMAN...
THAT MAN AGAIN...
KROOM
VROOOOOOOM
...WHAT HAPPENED SEVEN YEARS AGO...

..
VROOM
WINONA, WAIT!
PLEASE HOLD ON FOR A MINUTE, DIRECTOR.
WHAT'S WRONG, WALLACE?
ACTUALLY, THE DEATH OF THE VOLCANO HAS TIPPED THE ENERGY BALANCE IN THE ENTIRE HOENN REGION
ESPECIALLY IN MY TOWN, SOOTOPOLIS...
CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THE DETAILS?
AN OBVIOUS CONSEQUENCE IS THE RISE IN SEA LEVEL. BUT I HAVEN'T MANAGED TO ANALYZE THE DATA YET.
THE PURPOSE OF MY JOURNEY TO FALLABOR IS TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM PROFESSOR STARSTONE
I SEE. KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR PROGRESS.
OKAY
AND I'LL TAKE PART IN CONTESTS ALONG THE WAY OF COURSE!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, DIRECTOR?
YES, THE EVENT WE FEAR IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE.
THE RE-AWAKENING OF THE ANCIENT POKÉMON IS DRAWING NEAR. MANY HAVE LONG REGARDED THE ANCIENTS AS A MYTH.
HOWEVER...
YOU MEAN THEY ACTUALLY EXIST?!
THE ANCIENT LEGENDARY POKÉMON, KYOGRE AND GROUDON!!
YES! THEY DO EXIST!!
AND WITH THE RISING SEA LEVEL, IT'S LIKELY THAT OF THE TWO, THE FIRST TO AWAKE WILL BE...
KYOGRE!!!


THE PRESENCE OF THE TWO ANCIENT POKÉMON IS NOW APPARENT !!
HOWEVER, THE GYM LEADERS ARE STILL UNAWARE THAT TEAM AQUA'S AND TEAM MAGMA'S TRUE MOTIVES LIE IN THE REVIVAL OF THE ANCIENT POKÉMON!!
ONCE AGAIN, THE GYM LEADERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY DIVIDED IN THEIR OPINIONS...
..MUST REUNITE AND TAKE PART IN THE ANCIENT BATTLE AGAINST EVIL!!



SAPPHIRE

RUBY

TORO
COMBUSKEN ♀
Lv33

RONO
LAIRON ♂
Lv41

WALO
WAILORD ♂
Lv48

DONO
DONPHAN ♂
Lv44

PILO
TROPIUS ♂
Lv43

MT. CHIMNEY

RUMPY ROAD

ROUTE 117

VERDANTURF TOWN

RUSTURF TUNNEL

RUSTBORO CITY

ROUTE 115

ROUTE 114

ZUZU
MARSHTOMP ♂

NANA
SHIYENA ♀

COCO
DELCATTY

MIMI
FEEBAS

POPO
CASTFORM

RUSTBORO | DEWFORD | MAUVILLE | LAVARIDGE

PETALBURG | FORTREE | MOSSDEEP | SOOTOPOLIS

	COOLNESS	BEAUTY	CUTENESS	INTELLIGENCE	STRENGTH
NORMAL					
SUPER					
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MASTER					

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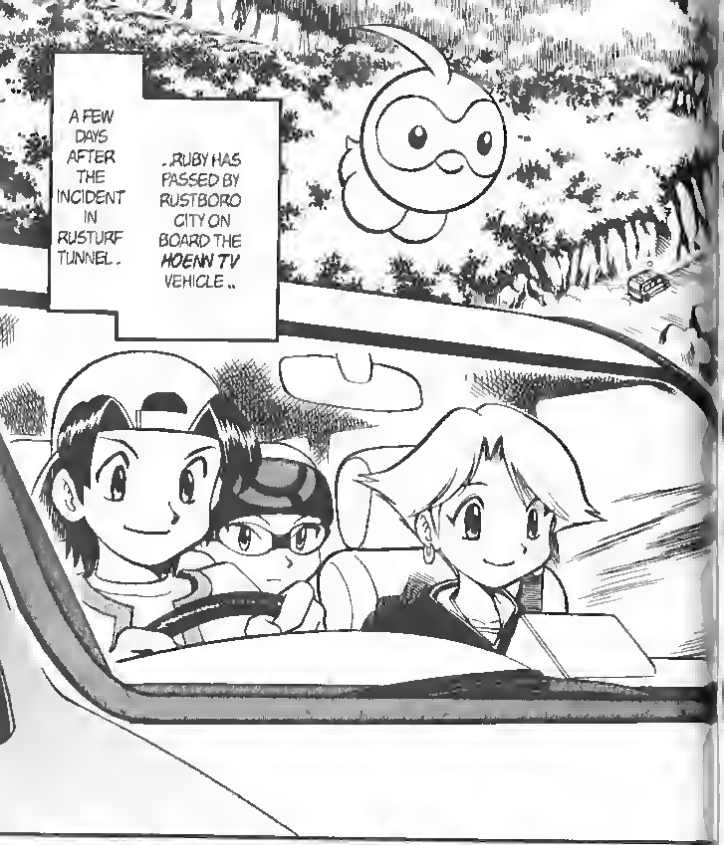

A FEW DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT IN RUSTURF TUNNEL..
..RUBY HAS PASSED BY RUSTBORO CITY ON BOARD THE HOENN TV VEHICLE..

THE NEXT TOWN IS JUST BEYOND THIS MOUNTAIN.

IT'S FORTUNATE THAT NOBODY WAS HURT IN THE TUNNEL...
AND WALLENE WAS ELATED TO SEE RILEY SAFE AND SOUND

METEOR FALLS
...AND IS NOW TRAVELING TOWARDS FALLABOR TOWN.

MARIANN, TYLER... THANK YOU SO MUCH.

TODAY'S INCIDENT STARTED OFF AS A DISASTER BUT EVERYTHING TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT IN THE END
WITH THE BOULDER HEAP OUT OF THE WAY AND WITH THE HELP OF LOUDRED AND EXPLOUD'S HYPER VOICE, THE TUNNEL IS ALMOST DONE.

WE CAN FINISH THE REST OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK QUIETLY WITHOUT HAVING TO USE ANY MACHINES
WE WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE TUNNEL WITHOUT CAUSING ANY MORE DISTRESS TO THE WHISMUR.

IN THE PAST IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR RILEY AND I TO MEET EACH OTHER, AS HE LIVES IN RUSTBORO AND I LIVE IN VERDANTURF.
..WE'LL BE ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH EACH OTHER. ♥

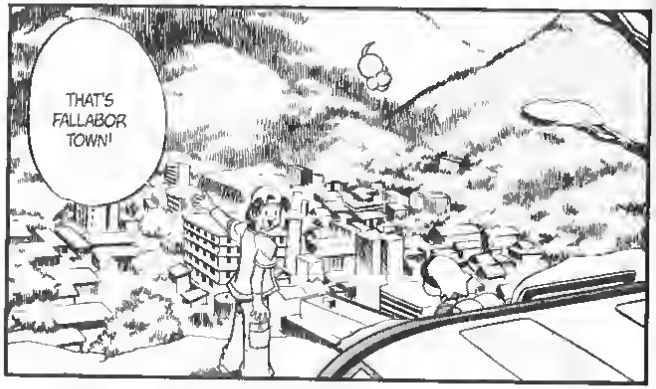
HOW-EVER...
..THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE EVIL RED TEAM IS STILL AT LARGE...

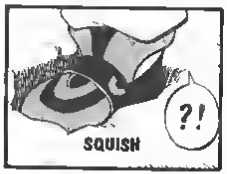
WE'LL TRY OUR BEST TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA WORLD, WE'LL FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE EVIL TEAM...
..AND DIG OUT THEIR TRUE MOTIVES!
WELL, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I SAID TO WALLENE
ACTUALLY, HE'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S HAD ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THAT RED-CAPED TEAM.
I THOUGHT WE COULD GET SOME CLUES BY HANGING AROUND HIM, BUT HE'S NOT BEEN OF MUCH HELP AT ALL
HEY RUBY, ABOUT THE INCIDENTS AT SLATEPORT AND RUSTURF TUNNEL...
DON'T YOU EVER GET TIRED OF TALKING ABOUT THE SAME STUFF?
I'VE TOLD YOU UMPTEEN TIMES I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM.
BOTH TIMES, WAS TRAPPED AND THE ONLY THINGS I REMEMBER REVOLVE AROUND MY DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE WITH MY LIFE INTACT

RIGHT NOW, I'M BUSY PREPARING FOR THE SUPER RANK CONTESTS IN FALLABOR.
YES, I CAN'T AFFORD TO GET DISTRACTED NOW
I MUST CONCENTRATE ON WINNING ALL FIVE RIBBONS IN FALLABOR !!
RIBBON
DO YOU THINK THIS CONTEST RIBBON IS WORTHY OF REPRESENTING BEAUTY? I DON'T THINK SO
WELL..
.. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING OF ALL?
AH !
NO, NO! I MUSTN'T THINK ABOUT THAT
I HAVE TO CONCEN TRATE ON THE CONTESTS !

HEY! WE'LL BE THERE SOON !!
SKREECH

HOENN TV
RUBY, COME OUT AND TAKE A LOOK.


THAT'S FALLABOR TOWN!


SQUISH
?!

DO YOU SEE THAT HUGE VOLCANO LOOMING ON THE HORIZON? IT'S CALLED MT. CHIMNEY AND IT'S ALWAYS EMITTING VOLCANIC ASH.
THE ASHES COVER THE TOWN LIKE FRESHLY FALLEN SNOW.

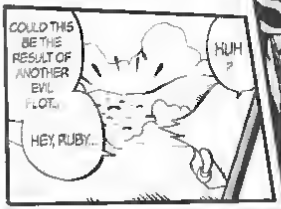
IS THIS... SNOW ?
IT'S VOLCANIC ASH

HMM, THAT'S STRANGE.. THERE SHOULD BE VOLCANIC ASH DRIFTING OVER THE TOWN RIGHT NOW, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY.

TYLER !!

THE VOLCANO DIED SOME DAYS AGO!!
IT'S ALL OVER THE NEWS !!

RUBY!!


COULD THIS BE THE RESULT OF ANOTHER EVIL PLOT...
HEY, RUBY...
HUH ?

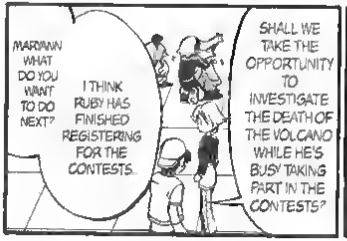
WHOOOSH
POKEMON CONTEST
KRRA !

I WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE SUPER RANK CONTESTS!!
SCREECH
EEEKS!!
THUMP

HUFF! HUFF! RUBY!
I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU

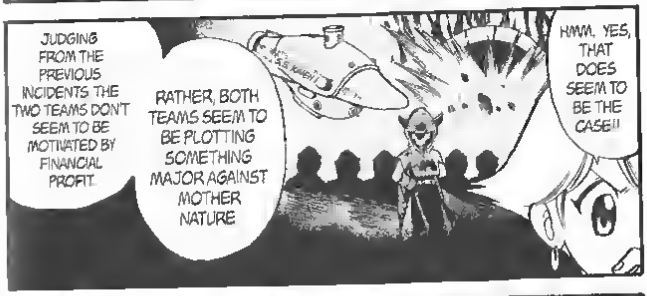
SQUEAK
SQUEAK

RUBY HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY OBSESSED WITH THE CONTEST PREPARATIONS...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE'S TRYING TO SHAKE HIS MIND OFF SOMETHING


MARIANN WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NEXT?
I THINK RUBY HAS FINISHED REGISTERING FOR THE CONTESTS...
SHALL WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF THE VOLCANO WHILE HE'S BUSY TAKING PART IN THE CONTESTS?

INVESTIGATE... WELL IS THERE SOME KIND OF CLUE WE CAN FOLLOW?
ERR, I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE A CLUE, BUT I'VE BEEN THINKING.

WE'VE BEEN HAVING ABNORMALLY FREQUENT EARTHQUAKES AND THEN THERE'S THE DEATH OF THE VOLCANO...
SUCH DRASTIC CHANGES IN OUR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS MUST BE THE RESULT OF SOMETHING AFFECTING MOTHER NATURE IN THE ENTIRE HOENN REGION

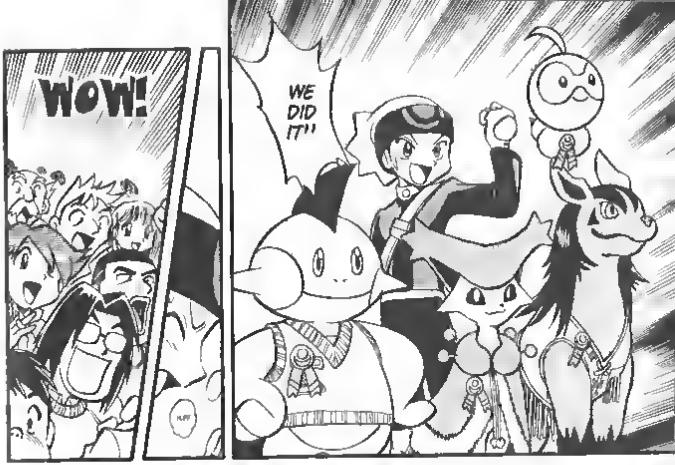

JUDGING FROM THE PREVIOUS INCIDENTS THE TWO TEAMS DON'T SEEM TO BE MOTIVATED BY FINANCIAL PROFIT.
RATHER, BOTH TEAMS SEEM TO BE PLOTTING SOMETHING MAJOR AGAINST MOTHER NATURE
HMM. YES, THAT DOES SEEM TO BE THE CASE!!

TO BE PRECISE... THE WORD "NATURE" MUST BE AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER!!

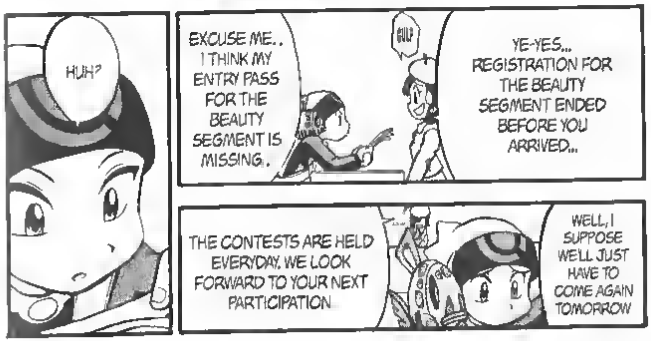
PROFESSOR STARSTONE, WHO IS AN EXPERT ON NATURE RESEARCH, LIVES HERE IN FALLABOR.
MAYBE HE'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE US SOME CLUES!

THE THOUGHT'S DEFINITELY WORTH A TRY! LET'S GO VIST HIM!!
YES, MA'AM!

SUPER RANK
COOLNESS SEGMENT
NANA, ROAR !!!
COCO, ATTRACT !!
CUTENESS SEGMENT
POPO, SHADOW BALL !!!
INTELLIGENCE SEGMENT
ZUZU, BIDE !!!
SUPER RANK
STRENGTH SEGMENT

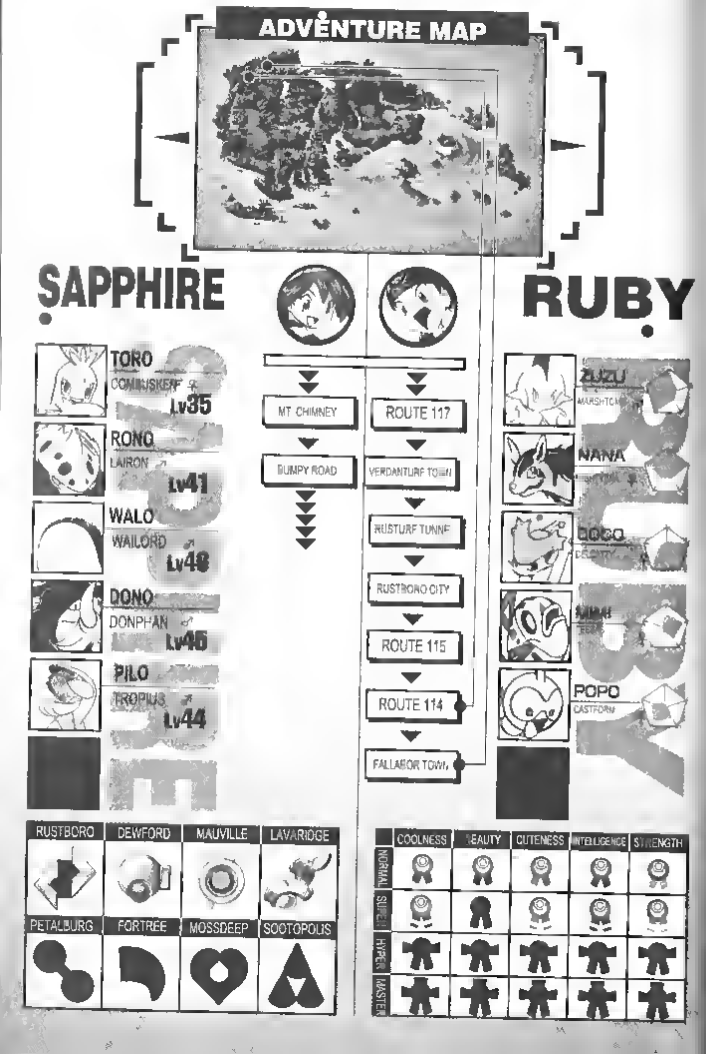

WOW!
WE DID IT!!

NOW WE'RE ONLY LEFT WITH MIMI'S BEAUTY SEGMENT!


HUH?
EXCUSE ME.. I THINK MY ENTRY PASS FOR THE BEAUTY SEGMENT IS MISSING.
GULP
YE-YES... REGISTRATION FOR THE BEAUTY SEGMENT ENDED BEFORE YOU ARRIVED...
THE CONTESTS ARE HELD EVERYDAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT PARTICIPATION.
WELL, I SUPPOSE WE'LL JUST HAVE TO COME AGAIN TOMORROW

OH..
SUPER RANK BEAUTY SEGMENT
SINCE WE CAN'T TAKE PART IN IT TODAY, WE MIGHT AS WELL SIT DOWN AND WATCH THE CONTEST
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF TRAINERS AND POKÉMON ARE TAKING PART TODAY...
WOAH!!
WHAT BREATH-TAKING BEAUTY!!
IT'S SO BLINDINGLY BEAUTIFUL THAT I CAN HARDLY KEEP MY EYES OPEN!!
APPLAUSE
A STUNNING WIN!!
SUCH BEAUTY IS BEYOND DES-CRIPTION!!

HEH HEH HEH! THAT'S RIGHT, MY POKÉMON ARE ALWAYS..
BEAUTIFUL
BEAUTIFUL
BEAUTIFUL
BEAUTIFUL
AND..
BEAUTIFUL!!



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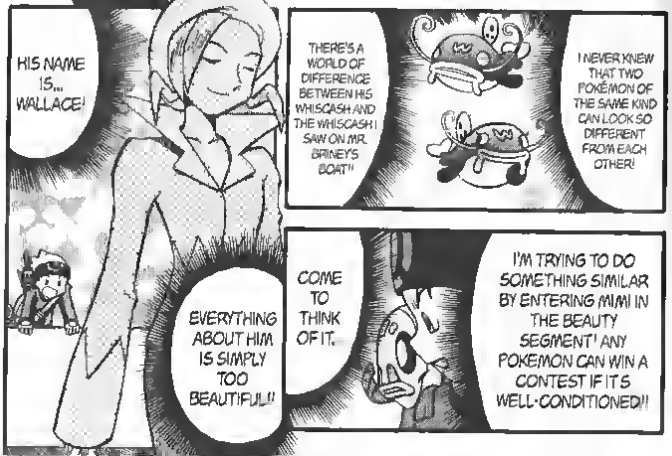
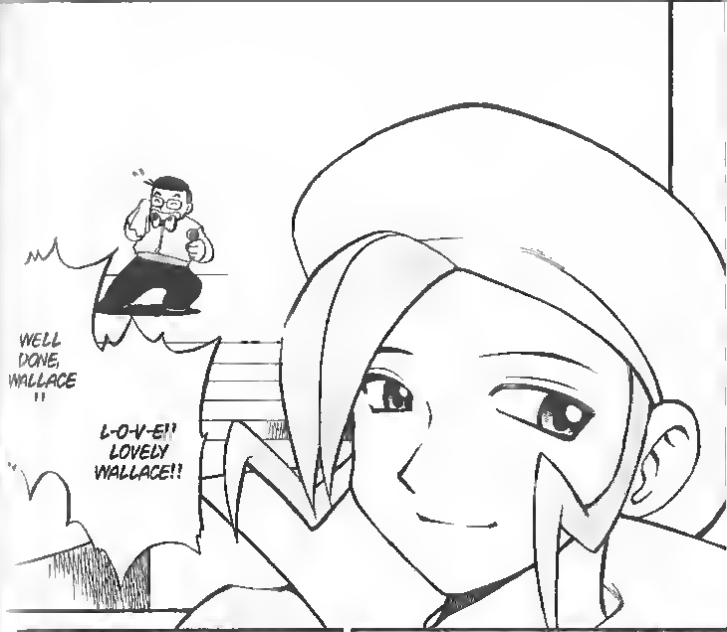
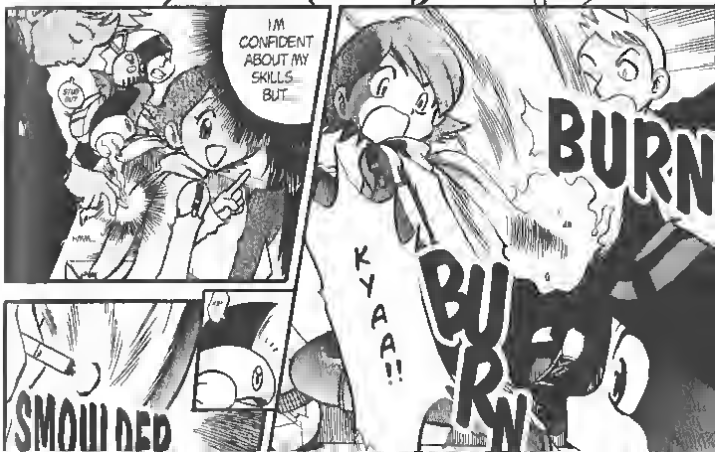
VS LUVDISC II

POKÉMON™ ADVENTURES
The Fourth Chapter


HIS NAME IS... WALLACE!
EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM IS SIMPLY TOO BEAUTIFUL!!
THERE'S A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS WHISCASH AND THE WHISCASH I SAW ON MR. BRINEY'S BOAT!
I NEVER KNEW THAT TWO POKÉMON OF THE SAME KIND CAN LOOK SO DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER!
COME TO THINK OF IT,
I'M TRYING TO DO SOMETHING SIMILAR BY ENTERING MIMI IN THE BEAUTY SEGMENT! ANY POKEMON CAN WIN A CONTEST IF IT'S WELL-CONDITIONED!!

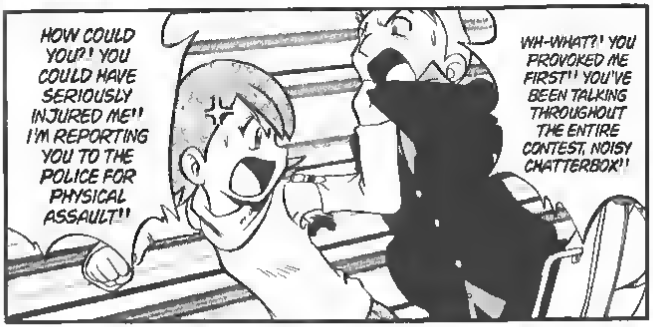

WELL DONE, WALLACE!!
L-O-V-E!! LOVELY WALLACE!!


I'M CONFIDENT ABOUT MY SKILLS... BUT...
KYAA!!
BURN
SMOULDER

OOSH
WATER...
..ILLUSION !!
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH

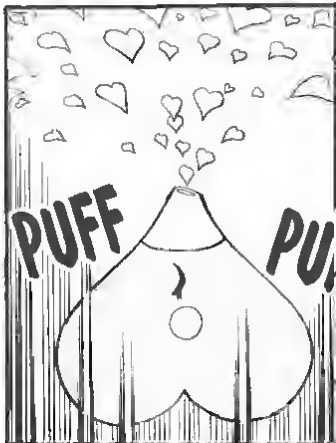
OOOOH

ARE YOU OKAY?!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
FUME


HOW COULD YOU?! YOU COULD HAVE SERIOUSLY INJURED ME!! I'M REPORTING YOU TO THE POLICE FOR PHYSICAL ASSAULT!!
WH-WHAT?! YOU PROVOKED ME FIRST!! YOU'VE BEEN TALKING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CONTEST, NOISY CHATTERBOX!!

THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FIRE!!
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT IT'S OKAY TO SET PEOPLE ON FIRE JUST BECAUSE THEY IRRITATE YOU?!

ELIZABETH


PUFF

FLUTTER
FLUTTER
...
...
HUH? HEY, YOU'RE A FASHION DESIGNER?
Y-YES..
I KNOW THIS BRAND!! I'M A REGULAR CUSTOMER!!
ME REALLY?
AH!
I ALMOST FORGOT! I MUST APOLOGIZE!! I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO CARELESS!!
PLEASE LET ME COMPENSATE YOU FOR YOUR BURNT CLOTHING! WILL YOU COME DOWN TO MY BOUTIQUE AND PICK SOMETHING OFF THE RACK?
OH... OKAY!
?

SLAM
PLEASE WAIT!!
CAN I HELP YOU?
HUH?
HEH.
.HEH HEH HEH.
I'M SURE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU SEE THESE
RUBY
CONTEST RIBBONS?
YUP! MY NAME IS RUBY!!
THE ONE WHO'LL WIN ALL THE CONTESTS IN HOENN!
IN FACT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE COMPETING AGAINST YOU IN TODAY'S BEAUTY SEGMENT!!

UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN ONLY TAKE PART IN THE SEGMENT TOMORROW, SO I MISSED MY CHANCE TO COMPETE AGAINST YOU OFFICIALLY...
WELL, WHAT A PITY!
I COULDN'T LET YOU WITNESS MY DISPLAY OF BEAUTY!
THAT'S WHY...
...I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU RIGHT HERE!!
THIS IS AN OUT-OF-CONTEST CHALLENGE!!
AND IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE SEGMENT FOR THIS CHALLENGE IS "BEAUTY"!!
LITTLE BRAT! HOW DARE YOU TALK TO MASTER WALLACE IN THAT INSOLENT MANNER?!
HEY, SOUNDS INTERESTING
BUT MASTER WALLACE, YOU HAVE NO TIME FOR SUCH THINGS RIGHT NOW.. WE NEED TO..

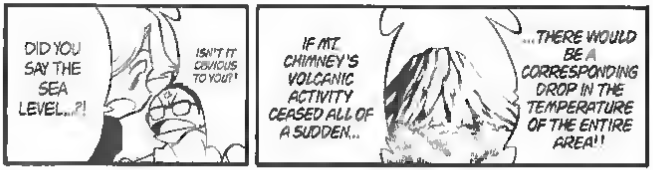
IT'LL BE OKAY
OPEN
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
AN OUT-OF-CONTEST CHALLENGE?
GOOD! HE'S ACCEPTED!
I'LL SHOW HIM WHAT WE'RE MADE OF!
MIMI MAY NOT BE UP TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
I'LL USE COCO, NANA, ZUZU AND POPO TO GIVE HIM A TASTE OF MY SKILLS!!
POOF
HERE WE ARE!
NATURAL SCIENCE
METEOR RESEARCH
STARSTONE LABORATORY

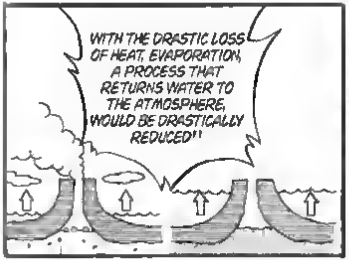
THIS IS HOENN TV!! SORRY TO DISTURB YOU IN THE MIDST OF YOUR RESEARCH!
WE'RE HERE TO INTERVIEW PROFESSOR STARSTONE.

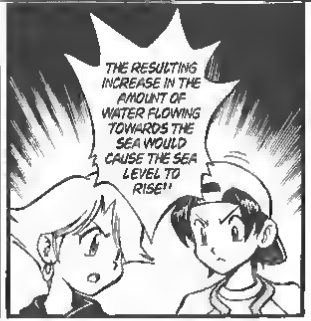
HEY! IS THE DATA READY ON YOUR SIDE?!
ERM.. WELL, THE DATA IS.
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF PRINTING IT RIGHT NOW!

ERM, EXCUSE ME?
TYPE TYPE
THE PROFESSOR'S NOT HERE! HE WENT ON A METEOR EXCAVATION TRIP TOGETHER WITH A SPONSOR AND HE HASN'T RETURNED TO THE LAB SINCE.
TYPE?

IT'S BEEN SEVERAL DAYS...
IN THE MEANTIME, MT. CHIMNEY HAS MYSTERIOUSLY CEASED ALL VOLCANIC ACTIVITY...
..AND THE SEA LEVEL IS RISING AS A RESULT.


DID YOU SAY THE SEA LEVEL...?!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS TO YOU!
IF MT. CHIMNEY'S VOLCANIC ACTIVITY CEASED ALL OF A SUDDEN...
...THERE WOULD BE A CORRESPONDING DROP IN THE TEMPERATURE OF THE ENTIRE AREA!!


WITH THE DRASTIC LOSS OF HEAT, EVAPORATION, A PROCESS THAT RETURNS WATER TO THE ATMOSPHERE, WOULD BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED!!

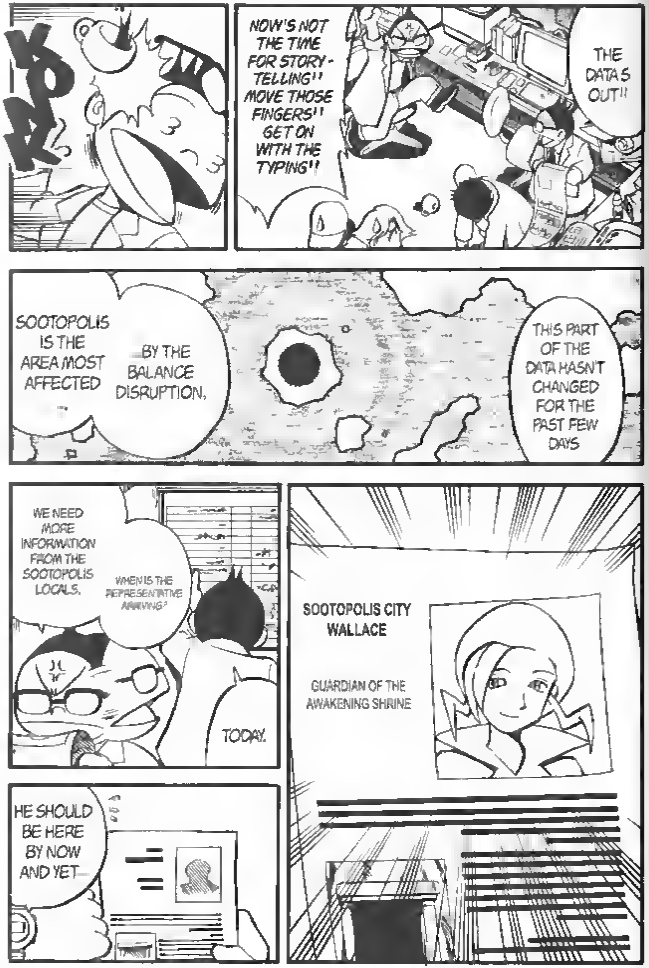

THE RESULTING INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF WATER FLOWING TOWARDS THE SEA WOULD CAUSE THE SEA LEVEL TO RISE!!

THE ENERGY BALANCE IS CRUMBLING.
IT'S LIKE A REPLAY OF THE ANCIENT LEGEND.. HEH HEH.

ANCIENT LEGEND
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT IT?

LEGEND SAYS THAT THERE ARE TWO ANCIENT POKÉMON IN HOENN. ONE IS OF THE LAND AND ONE IS OF THE SEA...
SINCE THEIR POWER IS ON PAR WITH EACH OTHER, THE NATURAL ENERGY IN HOENN HAS BEEN KEPT BALANCED SO FAR... OR SO IT SEEMS...

ONLY ONCE HAS THE BALANCE BEEN DISTURBED, AND THAT DISTURBANCE CAUSED A MASSIVE WAR OF DESTRUCTION!


KO
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR STORY-TELLING!! MOVE THOSE FINGERS!! GET ON WITH THE TYPING!!
THE DATA'S OUT!!
SOOTOPOLIS IS THE AREA MOST AFFECTED
BY THE BALANCE DISRUPTION.
THIS PART OF THE DATA HASN'T CHANGED FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS
WE NEED MORE INFORMATION FROM THE SOOTOPOLIS LOCALS.
WHEN IS THE REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVING?
TODAY.
SOOTOPOLIS CITY
WALLACE
GUARDIAN OF THE AWAKENING SHRINE
HE SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW AND YET...

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
IT'S CLEAR
..WHO'S THE WINNER.
WOW
WOW
WOW
WOW

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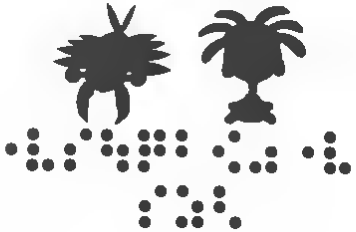
VS ANORITH & LILEEP



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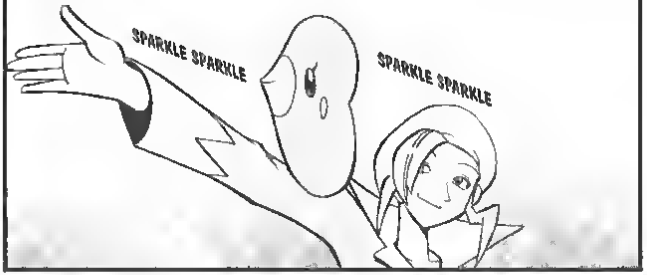
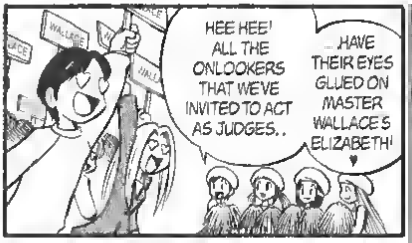
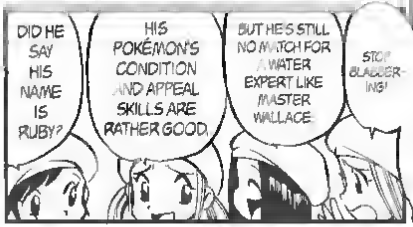
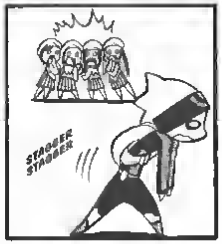
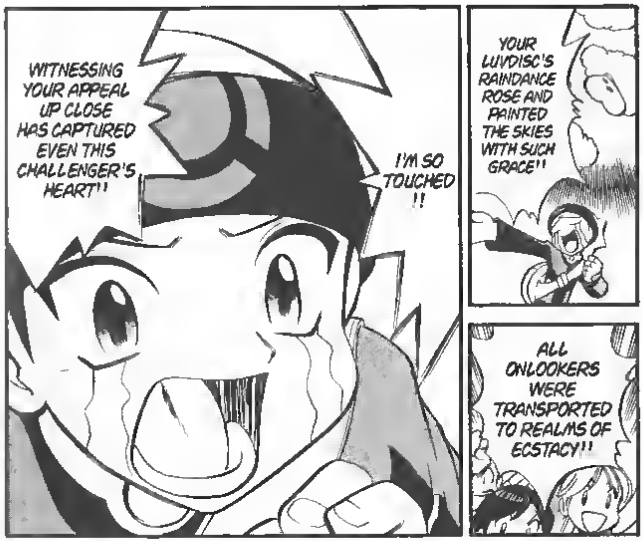




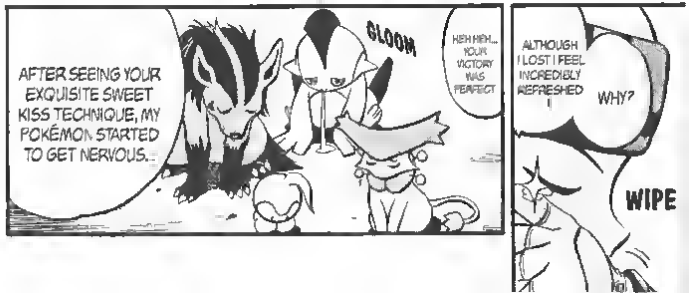

DID HE SAY HIS NAME IS RUBY?
HIS POKÉMON'S CONDITION AND APPEAL SKILLS ARE RATHER GOOD.
BUT HE'S STILL NO MATCH FOR A WATER EXPERT LIKE MASTER WALLACE.
STOP BLABBERING!

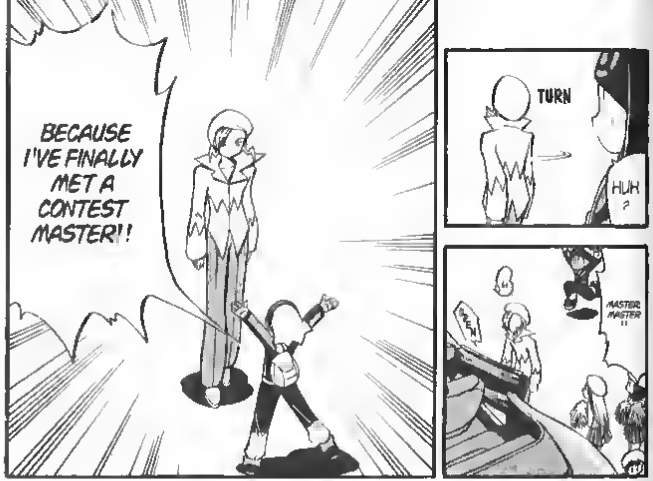


AH...
TWIGH TWIGH
AHH..
MASTER WALLACE !!
WATCH OUT !!
PLEASE BE MY INSTRUCTOR !!!
TAKE ME WITH YOU AS YOUR DISCIPLE!!
GRAB
HUH?!


WITNESSING YOUR APPEAL UP CLOSE HAS CAPTURED EVEN THIS CHALLENGER'S HEART!!
I'M SO TOUCHED !!
YOUR LUVDISC'S RAINDANCE ROSE AND PAINTED THE SKIES WITH SUCH GRACE!!
ALL ONLOOKERS WERE TRANSPORTED TO REALMS OF ECSTACY!!

AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU ADDED YET ANOTHER WATER PULSE!!
AHH. WHAT A WONDERFUL COMBINATION !!


AFTER SEEING YOUR EXQUISITE SWEET KISS TECHNIQUE, MY POKÉMON STARTED TO GET NERVOUS...
GLOOM
HEH HEH... YOUR VICTORY WAS PERFECT
ALTHOUGH I LOST I FEEL INCREDIBLY REFRESHED !
WHY?
WIPE


BECAUSE I'VE FINALLY MET A CONTEST MASTER!!

TURN
HUH ?

MASTER, MASTER !!

SORRY BUT I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE IN ANY DISCIPLES
YOU WILL HAVE TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS YOURSELF!

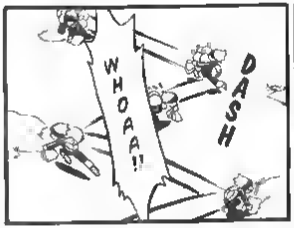
WOOSH
MASTER!!

VRROOM

I WON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY!!
KYAA !!

HEY!! STOP FOLLOWING US!!
I WON'T EVER GIVE UP!
MASTER WALLACE HAS ALREADY REJECTED YOUR REQUEST!!

HUH, WHAT'S THIS?
AN ASH BAG!! WE USED IT TO COLLECT VOLCANIC ASH!! NOW, GO AWAY!!
GIVE IT BACK!!
GREAT! I'LL HELP YOU WITH THIS TASK!
MASTER!!


WHOAA!!
DASH

DONE!
NOW WHERE DO I TAKE THIS STUFF ?!
NORMALLY WE DEPOSIT THEM AT A GLASS WORKSHOP ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN... ARE YOU GONNA CARRY EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF?
OF COURSE !

HYAAAAH!!
TMPTMP

WHAT SHALL WE DO MASTER WALLACE ?
WE NEED TO HEAD FOR STARSTONE LAB..
THERE'S A GYM LEADER MEETING TOO.
YEAH.

ANYWAY, LET'S JUST PROCEED AS PLANNED.

STARSTONE LABORATORY
ANCIENT LEGEND.
...
YOU SAID IT ALL TOOK PLACE A LONG TIME AGO.. ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT JUST A MYTH?

LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN A WASTED TRIP. WE'VE NOT MANAGED TO GET ANY USEFUL INFORMATION FROM THEM AT ALL.
SHALL WE LEAVE, MARYANN?
TYPE
TYPE
MARYANN ?

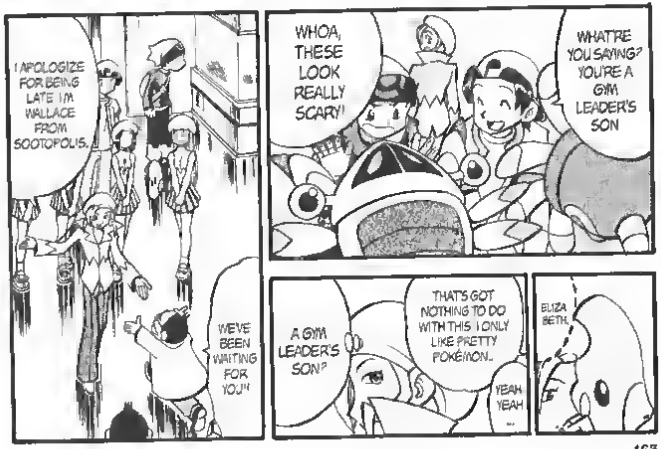
MARYANN!!
AH! AHH... YES? OH, SORRY, TYLER! I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING...

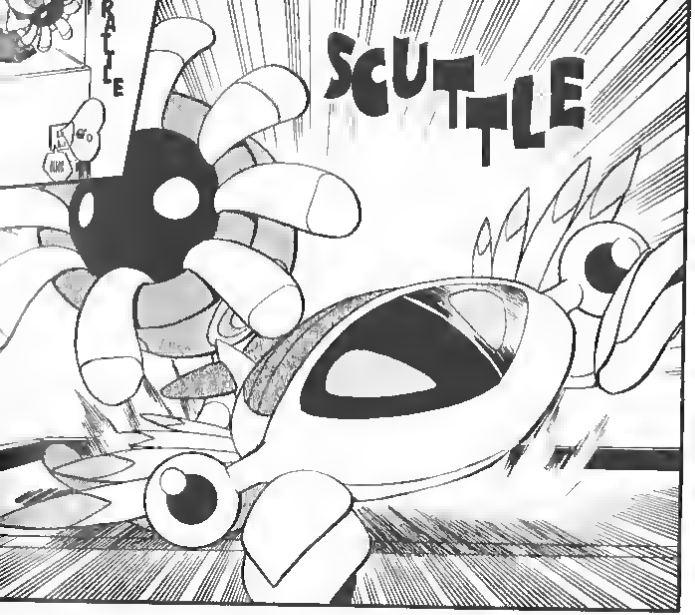
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
SKREECH

OPEN

THAT'S THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOOTOPOLIS!
IT'S WRITTEN HERE THAT HE'S THE "GUARDIAN OF THE AWAKENING SHRINE"...
MA-MASTER ... WAIT FOR ME!
STAGGER STAGGER

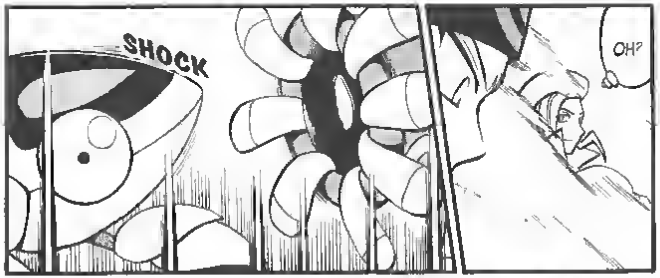
RUBY ?!
HUH, TYLER?
WHY ARE YOU WITH HIM?!
THAT MAN IS MY CONTEST INSTRUCTOR. I'M GONNA BE HIS DISCIPLE
DISCIPLE?!
HE'S TALKING ABOUT IT AGAIN.
BUT MASTER WALLACE HAS ALREADY REJECTED HIM.


I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I'M WALLACE FROM SOOTOPOLIS.
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!"
WHOA, THESE LOOK REALLY SCARY!
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE A GYM LEADER'S SON
A GYM LEADER'S SON?
THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS. I ONLY LIKE PRETTY POKÉMON..
YEAH, YEAH ...
ELIZABETH.


SCUTTLE

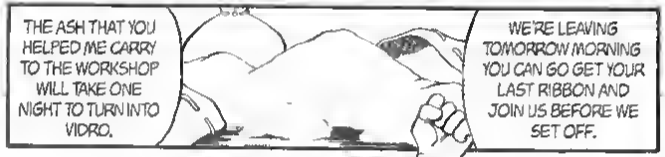
LILEEP AND ANORITH ARE ESCAPING FROM THE AQUARIUM!!
UWAAH!!
SCUTTLE
HOW DID THE AQUARIUM DOOR UNLOCK ITSELF?
MAJOR MAYHEM!
SOMEONE DO SOMETHING!!
CLANGE CLANGE
SIGH

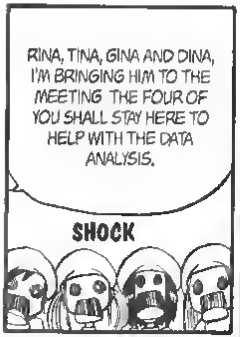
CLICK


SHOCK
OH?

HEY, TYLER! THEY SEEM TO HAVE CALMED DOWN!
MAYBE THEY'RE EXHAUSTED FROM THAT LITTLE MAD SCRAMBLE FOR FREEDOM
THERE YOU GO!
TOSS TOSS
I'VE CHANGED MY MIND.

YOU CAN COME WITH ME IF YOU WANT TO.
BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT I SHOULD TEACH YOU AT THIS POINT IN TIME.


THE ASH THAT YOU HELPED ME CARRY TO THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE ONE NIGHT TO TURN INTO VIDRO.
WE'RE LEAVING TOMORROW MORNING YOU CAN GO GET YOUR LAST RIBBON AND JOIN US BEFORE WE SET OFF.

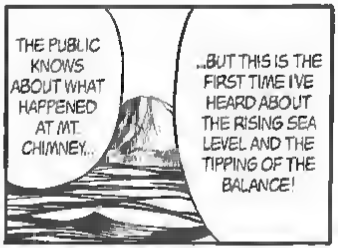

RINA, TINA, GINA AND DINA, I'M BRINGING HIM TO THE MEETING. THE FOUR OF YOU SHALL STAY HERE TO HELP WITH THE DATA ANALYSIS.
SHOCK

ALL RIGHT!!
WONDERFUL!!

MASTER WALLACE... SNIFF... ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO LEAVE US HERE AND BRING THAT BOY WITH YOU...?

HAHAHA! MARYANN, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN RUBY SO HAPPY. HE'S PRACTICALLY GONE NUTS...
YOOHOO!
MARYANN?
HEY, MARYANN...

MARYANN, WHAT'S WRONG?! YOU'VE BEEN IN A DAZE EVER SINCE WE STEPPED INTO THIS PLACE!
EXCUSE ME! JUST ONE LAST QUESTION, PLEASE...


THE PUBLIC KNOWS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT MT. CHIMNEY...
...BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE RISING SEA LEVEL AND THE TIPPING OF THE BALANCE!

THERE HASN'T EVEN BEEN A SINGLE DOCUMENTATION ON THE PHENOMENON.
THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR THIS! WHAT IS IT?!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THE MEDIA PEOPLE WERE THE ONES WHO WITHHELD THE INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC!!
WE, ON THE OTHER HAND, WANTED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THESE POTENTIALLY CATASTROPHIC CHANGES!!
!!!

RIING
TOP NEWS STUDIO
CALLER: TOP NEWS STUDIO, REPORTER MARYANN
RIING
YES?
TOP NEWS REPORTER, MARYANN SPEAKING!!
MAY I SPEAK WITH THE DIRECTOR ?!
AH, MARYANN. HOW GOES THE INTERVIEWS ?
WELL, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK YOU ABOUT SOME INFORMATION I GATHERED.
DIRECTOR, THE TRUTH BEHIND THE DEATH OF MT CHIMNEY..
OH.. YOU MEAN THE BROADCAST RESTRICTION ?
TOP NEWS
IT WAS AN INTERNAL DECISION.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CAUSE MASS HYSTERIA WITH SUCH A TALL TALE.
ANYWAY, YOUR TASK IS TO FOCUS ONLY ON THE TEAM DRESSED IN RED CAPES
IN OTHER WORDS, THE ONES WHO APPEARED IN SLATEPORT AND RUSTURF TUNNEL
JUST CARRY ON INVESTIGATING THEM
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
3

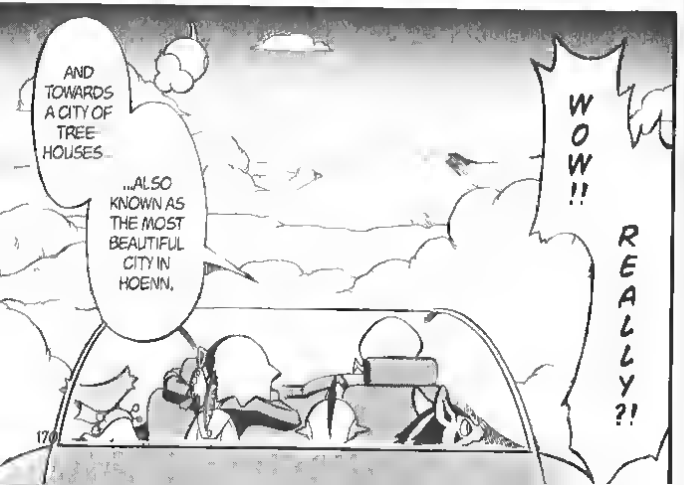
THE NEXT MORNING..
MASTER!!
LOOK! THIS IS THE RIBBON FOR THE SUPER RANK BEAUTY SEGMENT!!
I WON!!
GOOD. LET'S GET GOING.
VRRR
WHOA!!
WHOOSH
BLAST

VROVROOM

I WONDER WHAT MARIANN AND TYLER ARE DOING RIGHT NOW..

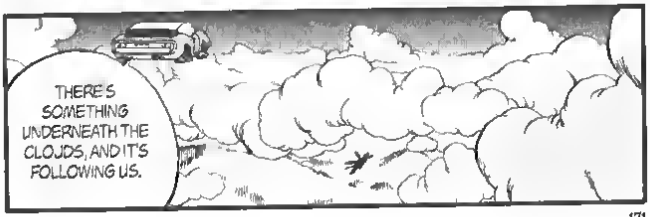
THEY WERE SO ADAMANT ABOUT ACCOMPANYING ME BACK THEN..
BUT YESTERDAY THEY SUDDENLY WANTED TO SET OFF ON THEIR OWN..

OH WELL.
MASTER, WHERE'RE WE HEADED FOR?
HEH HEH. WE'RE GOING BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS.. HMM


AND TOWARDS A CITY OF TREE-HOUSES...
...ALSO KNOWN AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN HOENN.
WOW!!
REALLY?!

WHOOSH
WHAT'S THAT?
!!

MASTER !!
HMM.


THERE'S SOMETHING UNDERNEATH THE CLOUDS, AND IT'S FOLLOWING US.

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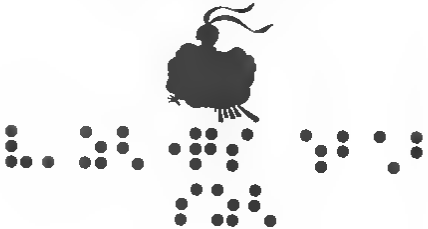
VS ALTARIA



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The Fourth Chapter

MEAN-WHILE
SAPPHIRE HAS WITNESSED TEAM AQUA'S PLOT IN PETALBURG FOREST AND MT. CHIMNEY.
AFTER ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED..
..SHE HAS SET HER SIGHTS ON AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT GOAL THAN WINNING GYM BATTLES
AND THAT GOAL IS TO BEAT TEAM AQUA!
WITH THAT IN MIND, SHE WENT FOR A TRAINING CAMP ALL BY HERSELF RIGHT AFTER SHE HAD PARTED WAYS WITH FLANNERY.
AND HER NEXT DESTINATION IS...
I'VE GOTTA GET STRONGER AND STRONGER
I MUST"!
..THE PLACE WHERE ALL THE LEADERS ARE GATHERING FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING..
..THE CITY OF TREE HOUSES

FORTREE CITY!!
RUSTBORO CITY
ROXANNE
DEWFORD TOWN
BRAWLY
MAUVILLE CITY
WATTSON
LAVARIDGE TOWN
FLANNERY
FORTREE CITY
WINONA
MOSSDEEP
TATE AND LIZA
SOOTOPOLIS CITY
WALLACE

PETALBURG CITY
NORMAN
THE TREE-HOUSES ARE LINED SIDE BY SIDE
THIS MUST BE FORTREE CITY.
HUH?
!!

CREAK
CREAK
SLIP
AH!
OH NO!
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
PILO!!
MAGICAL LEAF!!
WHOOSH
HAPPY!!
BLAST

CRACK
THUMP

WHOA... THAT WAS REALLY CLOSE! ARE YOU OKAY?
THANKS SO MUCH, BIG SIS!
WELL... NO MATTER HOW HIGH ZIGZAG MANAGES TO CLIMB, IT USUALLY COMES DOWN TO GREET ME
BUT TODAY IT WAS SHIVERING AND LOOKED AS THOUGH IT COULDN'T MOVE AT ALL...
I WANTED TO BRING IT DOWN BUT ONCE I CLIMBED UP THE TREE, I COULDN'T GET BACK DOWN MYSELF.
BUT WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON THAT BRANCH?
WHAT A DANGEROUS THING TO DO!
YOU'VE FALLEN ILL! I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG!
HANG ON, ZIGZAG! I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE POKÉMON CENTER RIGHT NOW!
CENTER? WHAT'S THAT?
COUGH
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT A POKÉMON CENTER IS?!
IT'S A PLACE WHERE POKÉMON GET TREATMENT FOR THEIR INJURIES AND ILLNESSES!!
AHH, I SEE!
SORRY FOR BEING SO IGNORANT. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO SUCH A PLACE BEFORE
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...
FWOP

SNIFF SNIFF
...IT'D BE FASTER FOR ME TO TREAT IT.
!!
WHA- WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
HUH? I'M CHECKIN' IT'S SMELL.
THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO CHECK A POKÉMON'S HEALTH
AH!! I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG! DON'T WORRY, IT'S JUST THE FLU!
I COLLECTED PLENTY OF BERRIES ON MY WAY HERE.
THERE'S CHERI, CHESTO, PEACHA, RAWST, ASPEAR, LEPPA, ORAN, PERSIM, SITRUS...
PLOP PLOP
UHM... THE BERRY I NEED TO TREAT ZIGZAGOON'S FLU IS...
HERE, HAVE A BITE
TADAH!
THAT'S AMAZING! ZIGZAG'S STOPPED TREMBLING!
I'VE NEVER MET A TRAINER LIKE YOU.
AH!

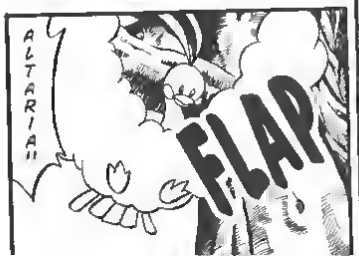
ARE YOU SAPPHIRE?!
TMP
HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?
?
SO YOU ARE SAPPHIRE!! I MUST INFORM WINONA!
WINONA
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOUT I'M STANDING RIGHT HERE!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, SAPPHIRE
I WANTED TO MEET YOU BEFORE KYOGRE AWAKENS!!
WH- WHO'RE YOU?!
WELL, BEFORE I ANSWER YOUR QUESTION... WOULD YOU MIND WIPING THAT OFF YOUR NOSE?

MY NAME IS WINONA.
I'M THE GYM LEADER OF FORTREE CITY.
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU. I KNEW YOU'D COME
THAT'S WHY I TOLD THE RESIDENTS TO INFORM ME ONCE THEY SEE ANY TRAINER WHO LOOKS LIKE YOU.

A GYM LEADER!!

YOU DO LOOK ALL GEARED UP FOR BATTLE. PERFECT!

WHOOSH


ALTARIA!!
FLAP

WHY DON'T WE HAVE A BATTLE BEFORE WE GO INTO THE DETAILS?
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO

OF COURSE, IF YOU DEFEAT ME, YOU'LL RECEIVE THE FEATHER BADGE!

BRING IT ON!

MIKIKO! BRING ME MY FLIGHT SUIT!!
YE-YES!

WELL...
ADJUST
I'M READY NOW!!

BATTLE TIME!!

WHOOSH
BAM
BAM
WHACK
WHOOS
WHOOSH

BLAST
DRAGONBREATH!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
TRYING TO HIDE AMONGST THE TREES?
HEH HEH... I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
YES! THIS IS THE CITY OF TREE-HOUSES!!
AND THE OPEN SPACE BENEATH THE HOUSES SERVES AS A GREAT BATTLE-FIELD!!
TREETOPS ENSHROUDED IN THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE CLOUDS IN THE SKY!!
ISN'T THIS THE BEST PLACE IN HOENN TO ENJOY A BATTLE?!
TORO! DOUBLE TEAM!!
TMP
?!

BLAST
BLAST
BLAST
WHOOSH WHOOSH
WHERE IS IT?!
BA
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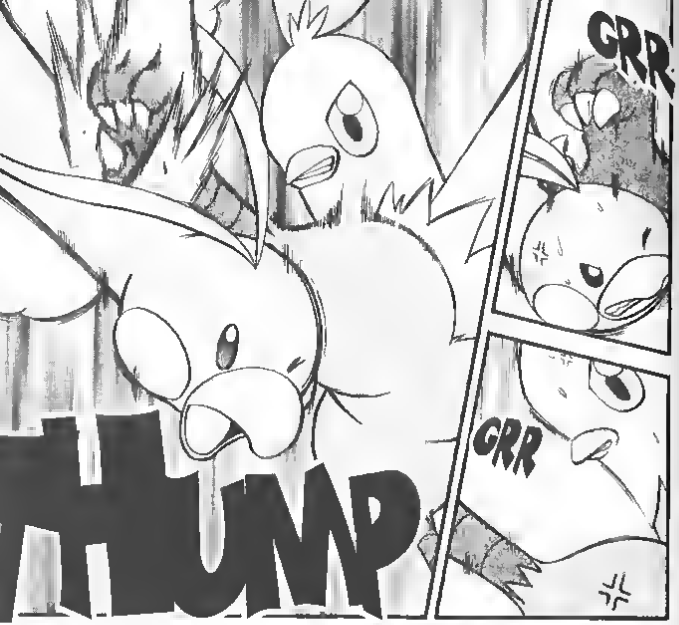
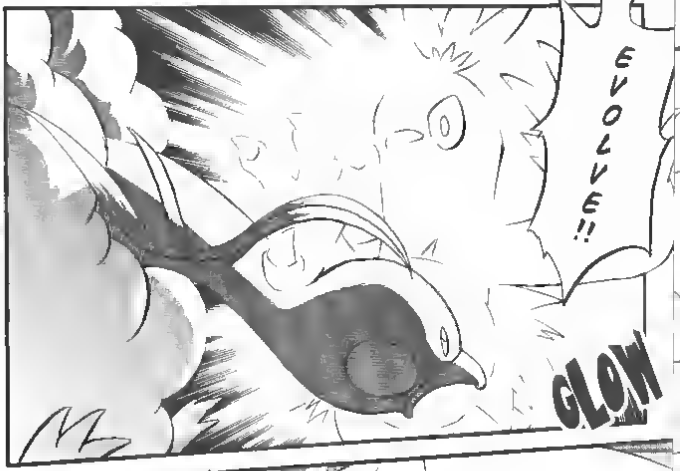

GRR
THUMP
GRR

THAT.. WAS A GOOD ONE.

I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU DIDN'T USE A FLYING POKÉMON..
...SUCH AS YOUR TROPIUS, FOR AN AIR BATTLE.
SO YOU WERE PLANNING TO HAVE A CLOSE DISTANCE BATTLE ALL ALONG.
YUP! AND THAT'S NOT ALL!!

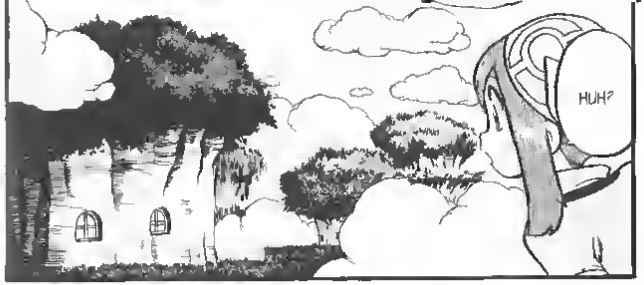
MY COMBUSKEN, TORO, HAS UNDERGONE A STINT OF TOUGH TRAINING ON OUR WAY HERE
IT WAS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF OBTAINING A HIGHER LEVEL OF STRENGTH!!

THAT'S WHY I KNOW..
...THAT TORO'S GONNA...
...GAIN A NEW FORM DURING THIS BATTLE!!
BRR BRR
YOU MEAN IT'S GOING TO..

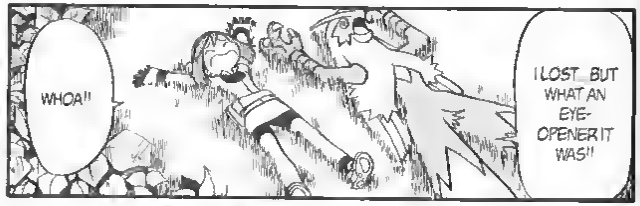

EVOLVE!!
GLOW

WHOOSH

BLAZE KICK!!
BOOM
I WIN!!
DID WE MANAGE TO SCALD IT?
WASN'T THAT A FLAMIN BLAZE?!


HUH?

WHERE DID THE LEADER'S ALTARIA GO?!
THE CLOUDS !!
I SEE! IT USED ITS COTTON-LIKE WINGS TO CAMOUFLAGE ITSELF AMONGST THE CLOUDS!!
BINGO! A WONDERFUL OBSERVATION AND DEDUCTION, SAPPHIRE
SKY ATTACK !!
WHOOSH
BAM
TORO!!


WHOA!!
I LOST... BUT WHAT AN EYE-OPENER IT WAS!!

YOU WERE CARELESS WHEN YOUR POKÉMON EVOLVED AND WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD NAILED ME WITH YOUR BLAZE ATTACK
BUT ALTARIA CAN HEAL ITSELF USING REFRESH.

MOREOVER, IT ALREADY POSSESSES A NATURAL ABILITY THAT ALLOWS IT TO HEAL ITS WOUNDS.
HENCE IT'D BE BETTER FOR YOU TO AVOID ATTACKS THAT BURN OR SCALD.
OH! I SEE

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, YOU USED DRAGON DANCE TO INCREASE THE ATTACK LEVEL AND SPEED OF SKY ATTACK.
AND I LOST !!

ACCURATE ANALYSIS! IF YOU HAVE A FEW DAYS TO SPARE, I COULD COACH YOU FOR A WHILE
REALLY?! YOU'RE WILLIN' TO TEACH ME?!

I'M SO HAPPY!! THANKS, COACH!!
SO HOW MANY GYM LEADERS HAVE YOU MET SO FAR?

ERM, YOU'RE THE FIFTH LEADER!
ALL OF YOU ARE SUCH STRONG AND WONDERFUL PEOPLE!

HAH HAH HAH! I SEE
HEY, EVERY-BODY !!
SHOW YOUR-SELVES, STRONG AND WONDER-FUL PEOPLE!!

HEY WE SAW THE BATTLE!
YOUR ATTACKS ARE STILL AS FEROCIOUS AS EVER!
BUT THEY WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN A BATTLE AGAINST WINONA! WAH HAH HAH!
WATTSON, WILL YOU JUST STOP SAYING THOSE STUPID JOKES? THEY'RE NOT FUNNY AT ALL!

AHH!!

ALL THE GYM LEADERS THAT I'VE MET THROUGHOUT MY JOURNEY!
YES, IN FACT, ALMOST ALL THE LEADERS HAVE GATHERED HERE FOR AN URGENT MEETING.
AN URGENT MEETING?

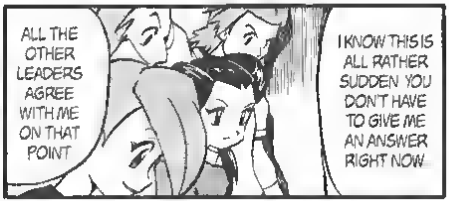
I REMEMBER THAT YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT BEFORE KYOGRE AWAKENS...
IS THAT RELATED TO THE MEETING?
WANTED TO INJECT YOU BEFORE KOGRE AWAKES.
BINGO AGAIN! YOUR WITS ARE AS SHARP AS THEY SAY!
BUT WHAT IS KYOGRE?

IT'S A POKÉMON.
IT'S ALSO A LEGEND ORIGINATING FROM ANCIENT TIMES!

IT IS SAID THAT THIS ANCIENT POKÉMON WILL AWAKEN WHEN THE ENERGY BALANCE IS UPSET.
ALL THE GYM LEADERS HAVE GATHERED TO PREPARE FOR THIS EARTH-SHAKING EVENT.

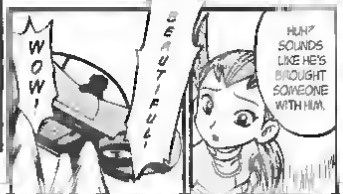
THERE'S BOUND TO BE A MAJOR WAR IN THE NEAR FUTURE!!
WE'D LIKE YOU TO LEND US A HAND. THAT'S THE REASON I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

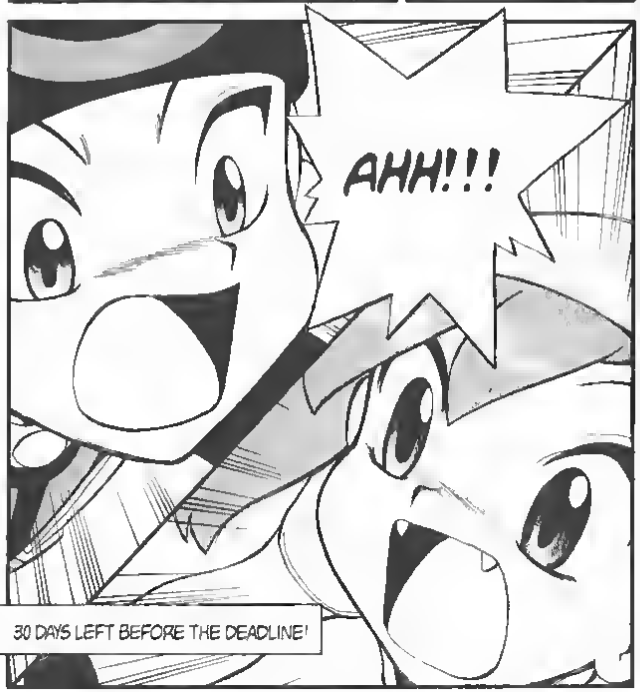
ME... YOU WANT ME TO HELP...


ALL THE OTHER LEADERS AGREE WITH ME ON THAT POINT.
I KNOW THIS IS ALL RATHER SUDDEN. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER RIGHT NOW.

JUST LET US KNOW BEFORE YOU LEAVE THIS CITY.
THERE'RE STILL SOME LEADERS WHO'VE NOT ARRIVED YET. I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THEM TOO.

VROOM
OH, THERE HE COMES. HERE'S ONE LEADER WHO'S LATE.
MEET WALLACE FROM SOOTOPOLIS


WOW!
BEAUTIFUL!
HUH? SOUNDS LIKE HE'S BROUGHT SOMEONE WITH HIM.



TO BE CONTINUED.

THANKS FOR ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE CAUSED ME.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT!
WHATEVER YOU TRUNKS ABOUT!
Sapphire finally finds out about Ruby's true prowess!
The leaders of Team Magma and Team Aqua finally meet up for an explosive confrontation!
The tension rises as the leaders continue to clash it out with each other!

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THE TWO EVIL TEAMS FINALLY MEET FACE TO FACE AND THERE'S NO STOPPING THE ENSUING UPHEAVAL IN THE WHOLE OF HOENN!! MEANWHILE, ANOTHER STORMY ISSUE IS SET TO BREW BETWEEN SAPPHIRE AND RUBY!!

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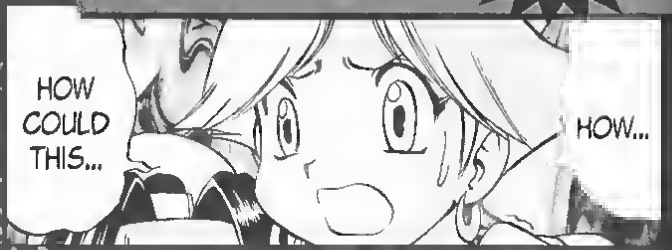

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IT'S NORMAL FOR ME TO THINK FONDLY OF SOMEONE!

I'M A GIRL AFTER ALL.

BACK THEN, YOU WERE LYING TO ME, WEREN'T YOU?

YOU... YOU WERE *THIS* STRONG?

Special Feature Battle of the Land and Sea

Hoenn Region's LEGENDARY ANCIENT POKÉMON!!

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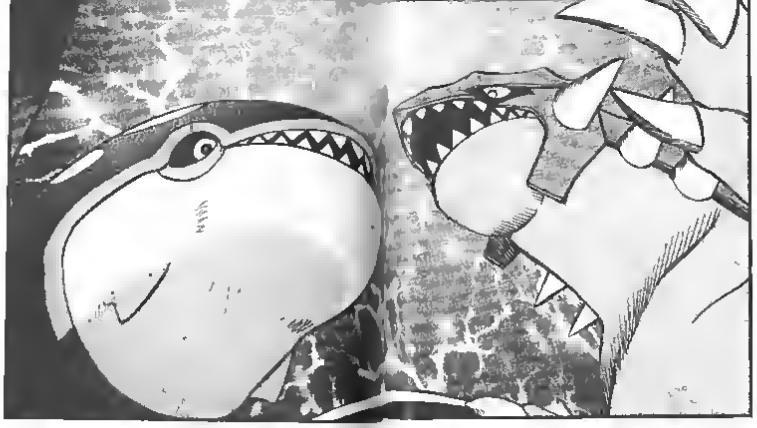


Ancient Pokémon of the Sea

KYOGRE

A deep-sea Pokémon that commands thunderstorms

The creator of rain and of the clouds that cover the sky! Storms and tsunami come at its bidding to wreck destruction upon the land. The ancient battle with Groudon caused it to sink into a deep slumber.

▲It used to be a savior to living creatures, bringing rain to those suffering from drought.

The group that wants to revive Kyogre is

Team Aqua!

▶Team Aqua is planning to revive Kyogre by increasing the surface area of the seal.

Ancient Pokémon of the Land

GROUDON

A land Pokémon that evaporates the seas with light and heat

The creator of intense heat energy that evaporates all liquids! Groudon's flames leave trails of desert wasteland. Its last battle with Kyogre had been a deadly one.

▲It is said that long ago, its blazing heat had once saved millions of flood victims...

The group that wants to revive Groudon is

Team Magma!

Team Magma's wild ambition is to revive Groudon by expanding the land surface.

The two jewels that put a stop to the ancient battle?!

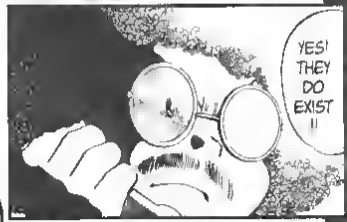
The deadly battle between Groudon and Kyogre would have been eternal, were it not for the mysterious power of two magical jewels that managed to quell the war. There are stories that claim that these jewels actually control the wills of the legendary Pokémon. These powerful jewels are located somewhere in Hoenn...

ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED MODIFYING THE DETECTOR, I'M SURE YOU WON'T NEED MY HELP IN THE SEARCH
HEH, QUICK TO CHANGE YOUR MIND AS USUAL, MARSIE

▲The jewels are referred to as Red Jewel and Blue Jewel. The detector that Team Magma possesses is used as a tool in the search for the jewels!

The Director of the Pokémon Association knew about the ancient Pokémon?!

It appears that the Director had expected the return of the ancient Pokemon. He was quick to consent to the gym leader meeting that Flannery had requested, and the Pokémon Association seems to be readying itself to respond to more emergency calls. Does the Director have a hidden motive?



▲The ultimate figure of authority, he elects the gym leaders. It seems that someone has already received a secret mission from the Director and is carrying it out as we speak.

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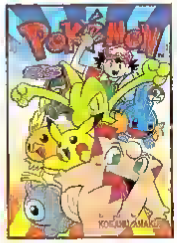

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